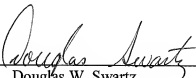


REMARKS

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Applicant's representative submitted a Preliminary Amendment on February 27, 2002, which specified priority claims to the above-identified application. The Patent Office issued a Filing Receipt on February 26, 2007. The filing receipt did not properly reflect Applicant's claim to priority. Applicant believes that this omission is due to the confusing and complex priority claim in the Preliminary Amendment. By the foregoing amendment, Applicant's claim to priority listed in the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section of the Specification has been revised to simplify and clarify the priority claim.

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